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SRI A. M. RATHNASWAMY : Are the Government convinced that the continuance of the system of hereditary village officers is conducive to administrative efficiency and, if not, have they any proposal to substitute it by a better system of recruitment of village officers?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : All these questions will be gone into.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : May I know whether the Sub-Committee was appointed to take decision or to postpone decision on the subject?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I do not know why the hon. Member always looks at things in a crooked way.

SRI P. G. MANICKAM : கிராம சிப்பந்திகளும் அவர்களுடைய குறைபாடுகளை மந்திரி சபையின் உப கமிட்டிக்குத் தெரிவித்திருக்கிறார்கள். அவர்களுடைய குறைபாடுகள் நிவர்த்திக்க கவர்ன்மெண்டார் நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பார்களா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : என்னென்ன நடவடிக்கைகள் எடுக்கவேண்டுமோ அவைகளைப்பற்றி தர்க்க ஆலோசனை செய்து எடுப்பார்கள்.

Cases of the Members of the Legislature in Courts during Legislature Sessions

* 3046 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have made any request to the Madras High Court to instruct the subordinate courts to accommodate the members of the Legislature in regard to their cases when they are attending the Legislature sessions?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir.

The High Court considers that this matter should be left to the discretion of the judicial officers who will be as accommodating as possible.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Our past experience has been that certain difficulties have arisen owing to the stand taken by some of the Subordinate Judges in the mufassal and the Government themselves have interfered on certain occasions. Will the Government see that instructions are issued through the High Court of Madras to the Subordinate Judges to the effect that the members be exempted from personal attendance in the court during the time of the Legislature session?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am sorry the hon. Member is under a misapprehension; the Government have never interfered with the judicial proceedings in the court. As far exemption from personal appearance, the matter is governed by the Procedure Codes. Therefore I am sorry I cannot give an assurance that every member will be exempted from personal appearance. Such an exemption may itself create difficulties.

SRI K. PARTHASARATHY : From the question and answer, we are not able to understand their actual scope. Do they refer to cases by or against members of the legislature or do they refer to the lawyer members of the legislature attending the court in their professional capacity?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The question has been put by a lawyer-member and I am sure he had in mind only the lawyer-members, but the question is in general terms and my answer also is in general terms.

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI : To get the pious expecta tion fulfilled, have any instructions been issued by the High Court?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : We can expect the High Court to take whatever action is necessary.

SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM : Does the Finance Minister mean that he has addressed the High Court that lawyer-members appearing in cases should be accommodated by adjournment of criminal and civil cases?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I have given the answer with reference to lawyer-members appearing in courts as lawyers.

Complaint against the Sub-Inspector of Police, Kondotti

* 3047 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Inspector-General of Police has received a copy of the resolution passed at a public meeting held at Morayur. South Malabar, on 12th June 1955, under the chairmanship of the President of the Village Congress Committee, Morayur, protesting against the high-handed action of the Police -Sub-Inspector Kondotti, in beating innocent persons on 7th June 1955; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The Inspector-General of Police had the allegations enquired into and found that they were not substantiated. The resolution of the Village Congress Committee seems to have been based on mere hearsay.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Are the Government aware that after the enquiry by a police officer against the Sub-Inspector, the Sub-Inspector was transferred from that place and are they also aware that the villagers of Morayur, especially the Muslims, held a mass prayer praying for the transfer of that Sub-Inspector from that place?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not know whether there was any prayer meeting and whether that prayer had had any effect on the Government. Transfers are done not merely on resolutions; even in the ordinary course, transfers are done and some people take credit for them.